

Santa Barbara Municipal Airport  
Noise Abatement Committee

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

The Santa Barbara Municipal Airport Noise Abatement Committee met on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Airport Administration Conference Room.

**Present:**

Michael Ower  
Scott Lechner  
Tracy Lincoln  
Mike Chisholm

Warren Miller  
Aaron Mueller  
Kristy Odermann

1. Public Comment

None

2. Noise Complaint Reports

Mike Chisholm requested clarification regarding the “aircraft followed noise abatement” code on the reports. Scott Lechner explained that this code indicates an appropriate course and altitude, and that there is no specific course required for an aircraft coming in from the east to arrive at HWY 101, which may cause some confusion for residents near the mission when reporting noise violations. There was an increase in the number of Riviera complaints, believed to be due to an increase in military helicopter traffic. The Department of Defense does not allow for flight tracks of military air traffic and therefore the complaints related to the military flights will most likely show on the noise reports as, “no flight matching description”. Mr. Lincoln explained that there were 163 calls in the last 3 months from an anonymous resident on Camino Floral, just west of the approach. Operations will begin disregarding these calls as the past complaints from this caller were found to be flights that were following noise abatement procedures. Mr. Lechner mentioned a slight increase in the complaints regarding Cal Star, but that they are doing a good job of following noise abatement procedures and may just have a recent increase in traffic.

3. Discussion of complaint responses

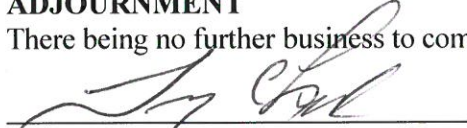
Tracy Lincoln explained that he recently met with Todd Smith from SBA ATCT to discuss the possibility of reaching out to the military pilots to request that they stay offshore and bring the flights in on the parallels whenever possible. SBA ATCT agreed that there has been an increase in military traffic in the area and does not have additional information regarding the reason for increase at this time, but is willing to pass on contact information for the FAA’s local military contact. SBA Operations hope to work with the military in the near future regarding the noise concerns. Mr. Lincoln explained that the FAA would need to complete an environmental assessment prior to implementing a specific route for helicopter traffic. This is not currently being pursued by FAA. Mr. Lincoln also explained that there has been a recent increase in general aviation operations.

4. Open Discussion

Mike Chisholm mentioned a recent complaint he made regarding a helicopter circling over his neighborhood. Mr. Lincoln explained that the SBSO, law enforcement flights circle sometimes in investigation or pursuit of a crime. Mr. Lincoln mentioned that there may be a local presence of DEA helicopters looking for illegal growth and harvesting of marijuana in the coming season.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



Tracy Lincoln  
Operations Manager



Kristy Odermann  
Recording Secretary